



Mergers and Acquisitions

Our clients benefit from a leading global M&A practice that has, for the tenth consecutive year, acted on more M&A transactions than any other law firm. Our experience allows us to execute cross border global deals seamlessly while supporting you across all stages of the transaction and offering you cost-effective, pragmatic business solutions.

Global leader in M&A

- For the tenth consecutive year, DLA Piper earned the top legal advisor ranking globally for overall M&A deal volume according to the 2019 *Mergermarket* league tables. We were also ranked number one by *Refinitiv* in its 2019 league tables for global mid-market M&A deal volume. With these results, DLA Piper consolidates its position as a leading global legal advisor.
- Our clients benefit from timely, pragmatic and commercial approach to problem solving that adds value to their business and enables transactions to come to a successful conclusion for all parties.

Global reach

- Supported by over 1,000 corporate lawyers globally, we carefully select teams for each specific transaction. This allows us to handle all aspects of complex domestic and cross-border corporate transactions.
- With local lawyers on the ground, we have the ability to flag potential pitfalls in each country, advise on cultural differences and nuances, offer vital auxiliary advice in such areas as employment and competition law and manage even the most demanding due diligence exercise.

Supporting your needs

- All our lawyers are aligned to industry sectors. We understand the internal and external pressures that our clients face throughout a transaction and the industry-specific issues critical to the success of a deal. We guide our clients through every stage of a deal-from due diligence and structuring, to negotiation and preparation of deal documents, to post-transaction transition and post-merger integration.
- M&A activities unavoidably affect other areas of company law, such as employment, pensions, tax, financial services regulation and corporate governance. Our deal teams include practitioners from these and other areas of law to address all aspects of a deal.

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RELATED SERVICES

- Merger Control

CAPABILITES

We help our clients with:

- public and private M&A;
- divisional or asset sales;
- distressed company deals through bankruptcy or other structures;
- cross-border transactions;
- various joint ventures and strategic alliances;
- post-merger integration.

EXPERIENCE

- Advising Accel-KKR on all aspects relating to its NZD\$140 million acquisition of the Seequent Group.
- Advising BASF in the context of the acquisition of Solvay's polyamide business.
- Advising HCL Technologies on its USD1.8 billion acquisition of a software portfolio from IBM.
- Advising a consortium comprising Link Group, Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Morgan Stanley Infrastructure on its USD1.6 billion acquisition of digital property conveyancing company PEXA.
- Advising NEC Corporation on the acquisition of KMD A/S from Advent International Corporation and Sampension KP Livsforsikring A/S.
- Advising Reece Limited on its USD1.44 billion acquisition of Morsco Inc., a US distributor of commercial and residential plumbing, waterworks and HVAC supplies.
- Advising Ineos Enterprises on its USD1.1 billion acquisition of Ashland Global Holdings' composites business.
- Advising BTIG as financial advisor to PAO TMK, a Russian manufacturer of steel pipe, on its USD1.2 billion sale of IPSCO Tubulars Inc. to Tenaris S.A.
- Advising CIE Automotive on its USD755 million acquisition of Inteva Roof Systems, a US-based designer and manufacturer of car sunroofs.
- Advising Haymaker Acquisition Corp., a publicly traded special purpose acquisition company (SPAC), on its USD850 million business combination with OneSpaWorld.
- Advising a consortium comprising Qumei Home Furnishing Group and Huatai Zijin Investment on the USD631 million public tender offer on Ekornes, the largest furniture manufacturer in the Nordic Region.
- Advising John Swire & Sons and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Argent Energy, on the acquisition of Biodiesel Amsterdam, Tankstorage Amsterdam and Tank & truck cleaning Amsterdam from the Amsterdam-based Simadan Group.
- Advising The China Navigation Company on its acquisition of Hamburg Süd's bulk shipping business.
- Advising TA Associates on its joint investment in Aptean, a provider of enterprise resource planning software, with Vista Equity Partners.
- Advising Webjet on its USD173 million acquisition of UAE based Destinations of the World and related fully underwritten entitlement offer.
- Advising Vodafone on its EUR7.2 billion acquisition of Ono, Spain's largest cable operator.
- Advising SolarWinds, a leading provider of powerful and affordable IT management software, on its USD4.6 billion acquisition by Silver Lake Partners and Thoma Bravo, LLC.
- Advising Fosun International and subsidiaries in numerous transactions totalling over USD2 billion.
- Advising Harrison Street Real Estate Capital, LLC on its USD1.9 billion acquisition of Campus Crest Communities, Inc.
- Advising Discovery Communications on its USD1.7 billion acquisition of the SBS broadcasting business in Scandinavia from ProSieben.
- Advising Abengoa on the 100 percent sale of its subsidiary Befesa Medio Ambiente S.A for EUR1.075 billion.
- Advising Arsenal Capital Partners in numerous transactions totalling USD1.5 billion.

- Advising CyrusOne LLC, a developer of enterprise-class, carrier-neutral data centers, on its USD400 million acquisition of Cervalis Holdings LLC.
- Advising Fortescue Metals Group Limited on the sale of a 31 percent interest in the Iron Bridge and Glacier Valley magnetite deposits (equity value of USD1.15 billion).
- Advising Moss Creek Resources, LLC on its USD803 million acquisition of oil and gas assets from Tall City Exploration LLC and Plymouth Petroleum, LLC.
- Advising W. P. Carey Inc. on its merger with Corporate Property Associates 16 for USD4 billion.
- Advising Etihad Airways on its USD600 million strategic partnership with Indian airline Jet Airways, the first Foreign Direct Investment by an overseas airline.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Contracting for the climate: The Climate Contract Playbook is a trove of climate clauses

11 November 2020

Contracts have become an essential vehicle for companies seek to mitigate their environmental risks and limit their carbon footprints.

New York Department of Financial Services calls on financial institutions to consider climate change risk

9 November 2020

Investors increasingly view climate as an area of business risk, and regulators are viewing it as a supervisory risk as well.

Assessing ESG factors in the energy sector

27 October 2020

ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES

A reference tool for energy companies as they discuss and refine their ESG programs.

New CFIUS regulations change mandatory filing requirements and increase the importance of US export controls

30 September 2020

The new rule modifies the criteria that trigger a mandatory filing with CFIUS, potentially subjecting more transactions to mandatory CFIUS review.

Sale of Lion Dairy and Drinks – not in Australia’s national interest

27 August 2020

On Tuesday 25 August 2020, the Treasurer of Australia announced that the proposed sale of Lion Dairy and Drinks Pty Ltd (Lion Dairy) to China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited (China Mengniu) would not be within Australia’s “national interest”, effectively blocking the transaction. This article discusses the ramifications of the decision and how they could impact on foreign investment in Australia.

Release of exposure draft legislation for major reforms to Australia's Foreign Investment Framework

10 August 2020

Many governments around the world have been strengthening their laws relating to foreign investment. Australia is no exception to this development and has just released proposed sweeping reforms to its foreign investment regime. In this article, we provide a high level overview of the key proposed amendments and our thoughts on how some of those proposals are likely to affect foreign investment into Australia.

CFIUS encourages public to provide tips and referrals

24 June 2020

The new webpage encourages tips and referrals about non-notified deals, violations of CFIUS mitigation measures, and other matters that raise national security risk.

Global M&A Intelligence Report 2020

19 June 2020

For the tenth successive year we were once again number one for global M&A deal volume. We also advised on the most European Private Equity buyout and exit deals in 2019 for the third consecutive year (*Mergermarket*).

Material adverse changes in light of COVID-19

18 May 2020

Parties in M&A deals that have not yet signed can take steps to protect themselves.

Israel Group News May 2020

4 May 2020

[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

Providing access to valuable business resources in real time.

US securities regulators focus on China and emerging markets: Further risk and disclosure considerations are necessary

4 May 2020

Key takeaways for China-based US-listed companies.

COVID-19: Critical due diligence considerations for M&A, financing and strategic corporate transactions in the retail industry

29 April 2020

Parties to retail-related transactions must consider unprecedented issues.

Declaration and payment of dividends in a time of economic uncertainty

23 April 2020

Delaware case law provides guidance for boards facing challenging economic pressure regarding dividends.

Strengthening franchise systems post COVID-19: Strategic acquisitions

23 April 2020

For franchise companies looking for strategic opportunities, a discussion of transaction structures.

Private equity buyer due diligence and representations and warranties insurance considerations

9 April 2020

Considerations about expansions to standard due diligence and the evolving impact on R&W insurance.

The barbarians are coming ... time for public companies to reinforce the gate

2 April 2020

While it is far too early to understand or evaluate the true impact that the COVID-19 outbreak may have on the M&A market, for so long as market prices remain depressed, public companies are encouraged to remain cognizant of the potential threat of coercive takeover attempts.

Australian Government increases scrutiny on foreign investment as part of response to COVID-19

31 March 2020

OVERVIEW

- Monetary screening threshold reduced to \$0 for all foreign investments under the FATA
 - Timetables for new and existing applications to be extended up to 6 months
 - Priority will be given to applications for investments that support Australian business and jobs so, where applicable, this should be highlighted in applications to FIRB
 - Transactions signed prior to 10:30pm on Sunday, 29 March not impacted by changes
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COVID-19: Getting your cross-border deal done and documents notarized and legalized in the age of coronavirus (United States)

27 March 2020

A summary of recent changes to the notarization, apostille and legalization by embassy processes in the United States.

Managing COVID-19 risks in corporate deals

26 March 2020

The COVID-19 global pandemic undoubtedly creates a challenging environment for corporate deals. In this note, we look at the likely impact on M&A transactions and the steps that can be taken to manage the risks arising from the pandemic.

DLA Piper obtains approval of first coronavirus-impacted bankruptcy sale

25 March 2020

DLA Piper's Restructuring practice is at the forefront of the intersection of COVID-19 and bankruptcy.

COVID-19's (likely) impact on the US M&A market

19 March 2020

Certain considerations that participants in the M&A market may wish to keep in mind as we progress through these unprecedented times.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): ten practical steps for global employers, right now (Global)

13 March 2020

These steps are not based on laws of any one jurisdiction but rather are designed to provide a global employer with themes to consider, understanding that what may be suitable for each employer may vary greatly depending on the employer's unique circumstances.

Israel Group News February 2020

10 February 2020

[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

Israel Group News November 2019

18 November 2019

In this issue, IP considerations in augmented reality and virtual reality, plus our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

FinTech M&A - Key issues

24 September 2019

FinTech has redefined, and continues to redefine, the way that the Financial Services sector operates and its importance is ever increasing. New entrants to the market are introducing new, disruptive technologies that have forced traditional financial services firms to rethink how they do business.

Amendment to Japanese Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act expands restricted business sectors for

foreign investment in Japan

22 August 2019

The Japanese Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act requires prior filings with relevant ministries via the Bank of Japan for foreign investments in certain business sectors relating to national security, public order, and public safety, etc.

Israel Group News August 2019

7 August 2019

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Israel Group News May 2019

9 MAY 2019

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In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

Israel Group News

12 FEB 2019

[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

In this issue, the rise of the Data Protection Officer, plus news and coming events.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Space Capital on investment in technology start-up bliq

27 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised US venture capital investor Space Capital on its investments in German technology start-up, bliq. The investment was part of bliq's Series Seed 2 financing round.

Francisco Cerezo named to the *Daily Business Review's* 2020 list of Florida Trailblazers

10 September 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Francisco Cerezo has been named a 2020 Florida Trailblazer by the *Daily Business Review*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP launches Black and Indigenous Business Law Clinic

28 AUG 2020

DLA Piper Canada is pleased to announce the launch of a pro bono business law clinic dedicated to providing Black and Indigenous businesses with corporate and commercial legal advice.

DLA Piper advises Iberdrola on AUD893 million takeover

25 August 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Spanish utility giant Iberdrola on its AUD893 million takeover of Infigen Energy (ASX:IFN).

DLA Piper advises AS Roma in its sale to The Friedkin Group for €591 million

17 August 2020

DLA Piper represented AS Roma SPV, LLC, the majority shareholder of Italian soccer club AS Roma, in the sale of its controlling interest in the team and certain related assets to The Friedkin Group, Inc., in a transaction valued at €591 million.

DLA Piper advises Syngenta on the acquisition of South African Sensako Group

17 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Swiss-based Syngenta Group on its acquisition of Sensako Group, a South African seeds company engaged in the breeding and the commercialization of agronomic crops.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on the sale of MIS software provider CERM

6 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of CERM, a global provider of Management Information System (MIS) software for the printing industry, in a Management Buyout (MBO).

DLA Piper advises Episode Six on its USD7 million Series A financing

22 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Episode Six, a next-generation financial technology provider, on its recent USD7 million Series A funding. The round was led by HSBC and includes investments from Mastercard and SBI Investment Co., Ltd., which first invested in Episode Six through its FinTech Business Innovation Fund in 2017.

DLA Piper advises Katoen Natie on the acquisition of Nijhof Wassink

7 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Katoen Natie, an international logistics service provider and port operator, on the acquisition of the warehousing activities of Nijhof-Wassink in Poland, a family-owned company specialising in logistics.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.

DLA Piper advises ControlExpert shareholders on the sale of a majority stake to Allianz X

17 March 2020

16 March 2020 - DLA Piper has advised the minority shareholders of ControlExpert on the sale of a majority stake to Allianz X. ControlExpert will maintain its business model and operational autonomy. Together with Allianz X, the company will focus on further enhancing digitalization and customer focus to achieve growth in Germany as well as in global markets. The transaction is subject to approval by the relevant competition authorities.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.

DLA Piper only firm in top five for private equity, venture capital and M&A for third consecutive year

25 February 2020

DLA Piper was the only firm to rank among the top five most active law firms for global deal volume in each of private equity, venture capital and M&A.

DLA Piper advises GS Engineering & Construction in its EUR140 million acquisition of Danwood Holding from Enterprise Investors

28 January 2020

DLA Piper advised GS Engineering & Construction, a leading global construction company based in South Korea, on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in Danwood Holding from Polish Enterprise Fund VII, a private equity fund managed by Enterprise Investors. The value of the transaction is EUR140 million.

DLA Piper tops list for global M&A deal volume for tenth straight year

8 January 2020

For the tenth consecutive year, DLA Piper was the highest ranked legal advisor in the world for M&A deal volume, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables.

DLA Piper adviseert The Carlyle Group bij investering in HSO Group

6 September 2019

DLA Piper heeft The Carlyle Group geadviseerd bij de investering in HSO Group. Het eigen vermogen voor de investering kwam van Carlyle European Technology Partners III Fund (CETP), een fonds van EUR635 miljoen dat investeert in technologiegerichte bedrijven in Europa en de VS.

DLA Piper advises The Carlyle Group on its investment in HSO Group

6 September 2019

DLA Piper has advised The Carlyle Group on its investment in HSO Group. Equity for the investment is provided by Carlyle European Technology Partners III Fund (CETP), a EUR635 million fund that invests in technology-focused companies in Europe and the US.

DLA Piper advises Proteak Uno in the implementation of a strategy for subscription of shares of treasury stock

29 August 2019

DLA Piper represented Proteak Uno, S.A.B. de C.V. (TEAK), a Mexican company active in the international forestry sector, in the development and implementation of a corporate and market strategy for the company's current shareholders to subscribe a portion of the shares held in TEAK's treasury.

DLA Piper advises Credible on merger with Fox

6 August 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ASX-listed US fintech company Credible Labs Inc. (ASX: CRD) on its AUD585 million proposed merger with NASDAQ listed Fox Corporation.

DLA Piper advises Jaja Finance on its £530m acquisition of Bank of Ireland's UK credit card business

12 July 2019

DLA Piper has advised digital finance company Jaja Finance Limited (Jaja) on the acquisition of Bank of Ireland's (The Bank) UK credit card portfolio.

DLA Piper advises Tubi on IPO and ASX listing

21 June 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Tubi Limited (ASX: 2BE) on its AUD48.5 million initial public offering (IPO) and listing on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).

DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

Mariana Lozza and Nicolas Teijeiro join DLA Piper Argentina

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper Argentina announced today the addition of Mariana Lozza as a partner in the International Arbitration practice and Nicolas Teijeiro as a partner in the Corporate Finance practice. Both will be based in the firm's Buenos Aires office.

DLA Piper appoints new Head of Corporate for the Middle East, strengthening M&A capability

13 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has appointed Will Seivewright as a partner and Head of Corporate for the Middle East. Will joins the firm's Dubai office from Baker McKenzie. His practice focuses on M&A (both public and private), joint ventures, corporate restructurings, private equity and venture capital transactions in the UAE, broader Middle East and internationally.

DLA Piper represents Cowen and Canaccord Genuity as lead underwriters of Greenlane Holdings IPO

23 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Cowen and Company, LLC and Canaccord Genuity LLC as the lead underwriters in the recently completed upsized US\$102 million initial public offering of Greenlane Holdings (NASDAQ: GNLN).

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1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

Advising Zetta Jet on foreign insolvency judgment in Singapore

19 MAR 2019

DLA Piper acted as international counsel to Zetta Jet Pte. Ltd. (a Singapore-incorporated company) (“Zetta Jet”) and others, as applicants, in a seminal judgment on the recognition of foreign insolvency proceedings under the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency (as adopted in Singapore in 2017) (the “Singapore Model Law”).

DLA Piper advises China Ping An Insurance Overseas (Holdings) Co. Ltd. on investment in GDS Holdings Limited

18 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented China Ping An Insurance Overseas (Holdings) Co. Ltd. (Ping An Overseas) in entering into a definitive agreement to make an equity investment in the NASDAQ listed GDS Holdings Limited (GDS), a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China. Ping An Overseas paid a subscription price of US\$150 million for convertible preferred shares in GDS.

DLA Piper advises Merlin Entertainments on the A\$174 million sale of Australian ski resorts

13 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised Merlin Entertainments, a global leader in location based entertainment, on the A\$174 million sale of its Australian ski resorts, Hotham and Falls Creek, to US ski resort operator Vail Resorts, Inc.

DLA Piper advises Laureate on US\$28 million asset sale

6 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised Baltimore-based and Nasdaq listed Laureate Education (NASDAQ:LAUR), the world’s largest global network of higher education institutions, on the sale of Laureate’s interest in Stamford International University (Stamford) to China YuHua Education Investment Limited (YuHua) (6169:HK).

DLA Piper launches Global Merger Control Handbook

6 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has launched the Global Merger Control Handbook, a comprehensive three-volume manual to help in-house counsel and other individuals involved in mergers and corporate reorganizations navigate the merger clearance process.

DLA Piper announces launch of Blockchain and Digital Assets practice

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Blockchain and Digital Assets practice, which will offer strategic advice on a global basis to address the needs of companies implementing blockchain technology solutions and creating and deploying digital assets.

DLA Piper recognized as a leading private equity, venture capital and M&A firm in *PitchBook*’s league tables

19 FEB 2019

For the second consecutive year, DLA Piper was the only firm to rank as one of the top five most active law firms for private equity, venture capital and M&A deal volume in *PitchBook's* 2018 global league tables report.

DLA Piper recognized in *LatinFinance* Deals of the Year awards

6 FEB 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm was recently honored at *LatinFinance's* annual Deals of the Year award dinner, where the publication recognized outstanding transactions in the capital markets of Latin America and the Caribbean from October 1, 2017, to September 30, 2018.

DLA Piper advises Samsung Electronics on its investment in Verimi

1 FEB 2019

DLA Piper has advised Samsung Electronics on its investment in Verimi GmbH. Samsung Electronics joins a group of twelve international companies from a variety of industries. These include Allianz, Axel Springer, Bundesdruckerei, Core, Daimler, Deutsche Bahn, Deutsche Bank und Postbank, Deutsche Telekom, Lufthansa and Volkswagen Financial Services.

DLA Piper advises CIRCOR in US\$85 million sale of Reliability Services business to RelaDyne

28 JAN 2019

DLA Piper represented CIRCOR International, Inc., a provider of flow control solutions and other highly engineered products for the industrial, energy, aerospace and defense markets, in the sale of its Reliability Services business to an affiliate of RelaDyne LLC for approximately US\$85 million.

DLA Piper advises The China Navigation Company on acquisition of the bulk shipping activities of Hamburg Süd

21 JAN 2019

DLA Piper has advised The China Navigation Company, a subsidiary of the Swire Group, on its agreement with Hamburg Süd to acquire their bulk shipping business which includes Rudolf A. Oetker (RAO), Furness Withy Chartering and the bulk activities in Alianca Navegação (Aliabulk).

DLA Piper strengthens ASEAN Corporate and Finance offering with key partner hire

21 JAN 2019

DLA Piper has strengthened its Corporate and Finance offering with the appointment of Philip Lee as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in Singapore.

DLA Piper advises US electronics distributor Avnet on acquisition of Softweb Group

16 JAN 2019

DLA Piper has advised global technology solutions provider Avnet, Inc. on its acquisition of privately-held Softweb Solutions, Inc. and Priya Softweb Solutions Pvt. Ltd., a software development and technology consulting company focusing on Artificial Intelligence and IoT software solutions located in the US and India.

DLA Piper tops *Mergermarket*, *Thomson Reuters* league tables

9 JAN 2019

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